

**TITLE:**                    **Recreational Fisheries Information Network (RecFIN)**

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**OBJECTIVE:**

**ABSTRACT:**

The RecFIN Presentation will provide a review of this coast-wide marine recreational database on the Pacific Coast for marine recreational fisheries catch and effort which began in 1993. This database is used by state fishery managers, the Pacific Fishery Management Council and NMFS stock assessment biologists for use in managing the Pacific coast marine recreational fisheries. It encompasses the states of California, Oregon, and Washington. Marine recreational catch, effort, angler and economic data is collected in all three states by eleven different sampling methods. These methods will be briefly described and their integration into the single database discussed along with the past use and current phase out of the NMFS designed Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey (MRFSS).